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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED TEXT FOR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO REBILD
ON JULY 4, 1978

EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR USE AT 1978 REBILD
FESTIVAL. MESSAGE WILL BE READ IN DANISH AND ENGLISH BY
AMBASSADOR IN PRESENCE OF QUEEN. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT
AND WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL OF MESSAGE IN ITS FINAL VERSION
BE SENT SOON ENOUGH SO AS TO LEAVE TIME FOR TRANSLATION INTO
DANISH. SUGGESTED TEXT FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT

I AM DELIGHTED TO EXTEND TO YOU ALL, DANES AND AMERICANS
TOGETHER, MY GREETINGS ON THIS 202ND BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED
STATES. THE CELEBRATION IN THE REBILD HILLS IS UNIQUE IN
THE WORLD. IT SYMBOLIZES THE MUTAL DEVOTION OF THE UNITED
STATES AND DENMARK TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERN-
MENT AND TO THE BELIEF THAT THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN HAS A
RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.
BUT THE RIBILD FESTIVAL REPRESENTS SOMETHING MORE THAN
THIS. IT IS A LIVING IMAGE OF THE INTIMACY WHICH HAS
GROWN UP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF DENMARK AND THE PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES THROUGH DECADE AFTER DECADE, AND
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WHICH CONTINUES TO GROW.

THE REBILD THEME THIS YEAR --"OUR LEISURE TIME AND HOW
TO USE IT" - IS IN FACT A CHALLENGE TO US ALL. OUR
WESTERN SOCIETIES HAVE ATTAINED A DEGREE OF PROSPERITY
FOR WHICH WE ARE JUSTLY PROUD. AND YET THIS PROSPERITY
AND THE LEISURE IT AFFORDS US MUST BE USED WISELY IF

THEY ARE NOT TO PROVE EVILS INSTEAD OF BLESSINGS. WE CAN USE OUR NEW OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME IDLE AND COMPLACENT, TO TURN OUR BACKS ON A WORLD WHERE CONFLICT AND SCARCITY ARE EVERYDAY FACTS OF LIFE. WE CAN TURN OUR BACKS ON THE MORE UNFORTUNATE MEMBERS OF OUR OWN SOCIETIES. SURELY THE WORLD WOULD GET NO BETTER AND WE WOULD GET WORSE.

BUT THERE IS ANOTHER WAY. WE CAN REGARD OUR LEISURE AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR IMPROVING THE COMMON WELFARE OF MANKIND. WE CAN USE OUR PERSONAL AND NATIONAL LEISURE TO COME TO THE AID OF PEOPLE LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABROAD. WE CAN USE OUR LEISURE TO FIND OUT ABOUT AND TELL OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE THAN OURSELVES ABOUT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. WE BELIEVE THAT PEACE AND DEMOCRACY ARE THE NATURAL FRUITS OF COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE. LEISURE UNABLES US TO DEVELOPE THAT COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING. AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LEISURE IS THUS AN OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER PEACE AND DEMOCRACY.

MY MOTHER VISITED REBILD IN MAY AND WAS IMPRESSED BY YOUR MONUMENT TO DANISH-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. SHE ALSO SPOKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT DENMARK'S SUCCESS IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ITS CITIZENS. TO ME, IT INDICATES THAT YOU ARE USING YOUR GENERAL PROSLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERITY TO ADD TO THE WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUALS AND THUS TO THE HEALTH OF YOUR SOCIETY AS A WHOLE. MORE THAN ALMOST ANY OTHER COUNTRY YOU HAVE RESISTED THE TEMPTATION TO IGNORE THE LESS ENDOWED. WE APPLAUD YOUR INGENUITY AND GOOD WILL, AND WE WISH YOU WELL IN THE YEARS TO COME. END SUGGESTED TEXT.
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